Aunt Lee's Library

PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS FOR EXTRAORDINARY TIMES

Selected by a Lady from Prayer-book Classics

PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS FOR EXTRAORDINARY TIMES

Selected by a Lady from Prayer-book Classics

Aunt Le

This book is for sale at
http://leanpub.com/prayersandmeditationsforextraordinarytimes

This version was published on 2016-05-01

Leanpub

This is a Leanpub book. Leanpub empowers authors and publishers with the Lean Publishing process. Lean Publishing is the act of publishing an in-progress ebook using lightweight tools and many iterations to get reader feedback, pivot until you have the right book and build traction once you do.

This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 3.0 Unported License

Contents

Editor's Preface 1

Prayers and Meditations 3

Sources and Appendix 56

Editor’s Preface

EDITOR’S PREFACE

Why read ancient prayers? Well, beyond the comfort of making the acquaintance of God’s faithful whom we will someday meet in our glory everlasting, beyond the widening up of our own vocabulary so that phrases like “someday meet in our glory everlasting” go tripping off our tongue, it is a way to confound the devil.

C. S. Lewis put these words in the mouth of his fictional devil in The Screwtape Letters:

”…and since we cannot deceive the whole human race all the time, it is most important thus to cut every generation off from all others; for where learning makes a free commerce between the ages there is always the danger that the characteristic errors of one may be corrected by the characteristic truths of another.”

Most of us reading this have not suffered war on our doorstep, hunger, drought, stormy seas, the crash of civilization. But most of those writing the prayers in this collection have faced very real tests of endurance and faith.

Almost a century ago, in the midst of World War One, another editor wrote an introduction to Prayers for today, with a series of meditations from modern writers:

“We are living on the confines of a new world. Amid the crash of falling kingdoms, the break-up of all we had hitherto deemed most stable, we need to remind ourselves that the great realities of the spiritual world stand fast, and that on these we can build another and a juster civilization than that which now appears to be doomed. But we must first of all rebuild it in our own souls by faith and prayer. It is as a help, however humble and inadequate, to this work of spiritual reconstruction that this book is now sent forth.”

All these prayers, hymns and meditations were taken from old books available online for free. Check the sources at the end of this book for links to download the books from which these prayers were taken. There may come a time when their inspiration will come in very handy.

Prayers and Meditations

The Consolation of Philosophy:

It may be thou knowest not of the banishment of Anaxagoras, of the poison draught of Socrates, nor of Zeno's torturing, because these things happened in a distant country; yet mightest thou have learnt the fate of Arrius, of Seneca, of Soranus, whose stories are neither old nor unknown to fame.

These men were brought to destruction for no other reason than that, settled as they were in my principles, their lives were a manifest contrast to the ways of the wicked.

So there is nothing thou shouldst wonder at, if on the seas of this life we are tossed by storm-blasts, seeing that we have made it our chiefest aim to refuse compliance with evil-doers. And though, maybe, the host of the wicked is many in number, yet is it contemptible, since it is under no leadership, but is hurried hither and thither at the blind driving of mad error. And if at times and seasons they set in array against us, and fall on in overwhelming strength, our leader draws off her forces into the citadel while they are busy plundering the useless baggage.

But we from our vantage ground, safe from all this wild work, laugh to see them making prize of the most valueless of things, protected by a bulwark which aggressive folly may not aspire to reach. (source:6)

O Almighty God, who in divers measures hast inspired men to study and record the revelations of thy truth, direct the labours of scientists, authors, and journalists towards the advancement of truth, the furtherance of righteousness and the deepening of holiness towards all whom they influence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (source:27)

GIVE me, Lord, I pray Thee, the grace and virtue of constancy, and unwearied endurance, that so I may receive with thanksgiving whatever Thy hand may send of calamity or distress in this life, and may bear it patiently—Amen. (source:20)

O Almighty, blessed, and eternal God, I now come, and in the name of Him in whom thou art well-pleased, I ask for grace to keep me in all my ways; for wisdom to instruct and direct me in all my wanderings and ignorance; for courage to confess Christ before men; for all those fruits and graces of thy Spirit, which shall enable me to glorify thy name in the world, and to serve my fellow-creatures for their good, until I am gathered to my fathers and see corruption.

And when the enemy comes in with the power of an overwhelming flood, the subtilty of hell, or in the garb of an angel of light, do thou stand by me and deliver my soul. When pain and sickness try this mortal body, do thou impart the meekness and resignation of a lamb unto my spirit. When death itself approaches, and the solemn scenes of eternity unfold themselves to my view, do thou enable me to read my title clear to a habitation not made with hands, eternal the heavens; for Jesus Christ's sake, Amen.

There is no corner so dark—no place so secret, but God is there. He never wants an eye to see, an ear to hear the cries and groans, nor a heart to grant the requests, of him who sincerely prays to him in secret. There are no desires so confused—no requests so broken—no effort so feeble, as to escape his notice. The eye that God hath upon his people in secret is such a special tender eye of love, as opens his ear, his heart, and his hand, for their good.

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers."

Should their petitions be feeble and faint, and seem to them scarcely to reach the heavens, he will graciously bow down his ear, and attend to the prayer that goeth not out of feigned lips. He knows the intentions of the heart. He perceives the motions of the soul. He

records them all in the book of his remembrance, and will one day openly reward all these secret transactions.

Did Christians more fully believe this, and more seriously consider it,—they would live more thankfully, labour more cheerfully, suffer more patiently, fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil, more manfully, and lay themselves out for God, his interests, and glory, more freely. (source:18)

O LORD, God, Holy Father, be Thou blessed both now and for evermore, because as Thou wilt, so is it done, and what Thou doest is good. My soul is sorrowful, sometimes, even unto tears; sometimes also my spirit is disquieted by reason of impending sufferings. I long after the joy of Thy peace, the peace of Thy children I earnestly crave.

If Thou give peace, if Thou pour into me holy joy, the soul of Thy servant shall be full of melody, and shall become devout in Thy praise. Make me a dutiful and humble disciple (as Thou art wont to be kind), that I may be ever ready to go, if Thou dost but beckon to me.

Thou knowest what is expedient for my spiritual progress, and how greatly tribulation serves to scour off the rust of sins; do with me according to Thy desired good pleasure—Amen. (source:20)

We would remember those who mould the public mind with voice or written word. Make them loyal to the truth, no matter what it costs. Let Thy spirit rest on those who fashion the future in positions of public trust. Grant them courage to rise above politics in the name of great principles. O guide them to Thy glorious road ahead, lest we blunder into deadend streets. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (source:5)

Eternal God, Everlasting Father! Thou art a God and lover of peace. From Thee all true unity cometh. We pray Thee graciously to protect Thy Christendom on earth against all its enemies, so that we may be kept in peace, and ever serve Thee gladly in faithful doctrine

and a pure conduct. Grant us grace, so that all estates and rulers of Christendom may live peacefully and harmoniously in perfect piety and godliness, so that discipline and order prevail, churches and schools be not destroyed, and the country be not devastated nor grievously oppressed.

Grant us grace, so that men will content themselves with what they have, and will not for the sake of avarice or lusting after foreign lands and peoples, nor yet because of pride, vain ambitions, and arrogance, enmity, hatred, envy, nor any other cause, incite war, sedition, or revolution in this our country. Hinder all evil counsel and purpose of unstable men, who think only of that which is not good.

Put them to naught in their purposes, so that they must retreat and are utterly consumed with terrors. Stretch forth Thine arm to protect us who are named after Thee, so that Thy heritage be not destroyed.

Support Thy faithful who rely upon Thee and call upon Thy name. Hear us in our distress, and Thy holy name protect us. Send us help from Thy sanctuary, and strengthen us from on high. Bless the country and the cities in which Thy holy word dwelleth. Prosperity must dwell within their palaces! O merciful God, incline the hearts of all men to a Christian peace and concord, to the which Thou hast called us through Thy word and gospel. And if bitterness prevail among some, help that it be done away with, to the glory of Thy holy name, the spreading of Thy word, and the betterment of Christendom, and that the poor and distressed in the land may rejoice in Thee and praise Thy holy name, for Thou only performest wonders and provest Thy powers among the nations. Amen. (source:11)

Be patient! O be patient! Put your ear against the earth ; Listen there how noiselessly the germ o' the seed has birth How noiselessly and gently it upheaves its little way Till it parte the scarcely broken ground, and the blade stands up in the day. Be patient! O be patient!

the germs of mighty thought Must have their silent undergrowth, must under ground be wrought: But as sure as there's a power that makes the grass appear, Our land shall be green with liberty, the blade-time shall be here. (source:21)

For Those in Authority O Lord God Almighty, guide, we pray thee, all those to whom thou hast committed the government of this nation, and grant to them at this time special gifts of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and strength; that upholding what is right, and following what is true, they may obey thy holy will and fulfil thy divine purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (source:9)

MEDITATION: … At the critical times of life we have not done justice to ourselves. We have not tried enough to see ourselves as we are, or to know the world as it truly is. We have drifted with society, instead of forming independent principles of our own. We have thought too much of ourselves and of what is being said about us. We have cared more for the opinions of others than for the truth. We have not loved others, in all classes of society as Thou, O Lord, hast loved us. We have not thanked Thee sufficiently for the treasures of knowledge, and for the opportunities of doing good, which Thou hast given us in this latter day. We have worried ourselves too much about the religious gossip of the age, and have not consulted enough the fixed forms of truth. We have been indolent and have made many excuses for falling short in Thy work.

And now, O Lord, in these difficult times, when there is a seeming opposition of knowledge and faith, and an accumulation of facts beyond the power of the human mind to conceive, and good men of all religions, more and more meet in Thee; and the strife between classes in society, and between good and evil in our own souls, is not less than of old; and the love of pleasure and the desires of the flesh are always coming in between us and Thee, and we cannot rise above these things to see the light of Heaven but are tossed upon a sea of troubles; we pray Thee be our Guide and Strength and Light,

that, looking up to Thee always, we may behold the rock on which we stand, and be confident in the word which Thou hast spoken. . . (source:13).

O God, thou hast established thy throne in the heavens, and thy kingdom ruleth over all. We prostrate ourselves before thee, deeply impressed with a sense of the vastness of thy agency and dominion. Thou changest the times and the seasons; thou removest kings, and settest up kings. Empires rise and fall, and fade and flourish, at thy bidding: and all nations are in thy hand, but as clay in the hand of the potter.

But none of thy dispensations are arbitrary. Whatever thou doest, is done, because, O Father, it seemeth good in thy sight; and thy judgment is always according to truth. Thou art holy in all thy ways, and righteous in all thy works—and thou art good; even in wrath thou rememberest mercy, and dost not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

Therefore it is, that we have been this day humbling ourselves in thy presence. For we acknowledge that we have been deeply guilty. Thou hast nourished and brought up children, but we have rebelled against thee. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but we have not known, we have not considered. Thou hast given us our corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied our silver and gold; and we have prepared them for Baal. Because of swearing, the land has mourned. Pride has compassed us about as a chain. Discontent has rebelled against thine appointments. How has the love of money, which is the root of all evil, abounded among us. How have thy Sabbaths been profaned, and thy ordinances disregarded. How has the gospel been undervalued, neglected, despised.

And all our transgressions have been more aggravated than those of any other people, because thou hast favoured us unspeakably more than all the families of the earth. Therefore thou couldst easily and justly have destroyed us; but thou hast not stirred up all thy

wrath. In all that has come upon us, for our evil deeds, thou hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve. Yet thou hast testified thy displeasure, and visited us with thy judgments; so that when we looked for light and peace, we have seen darkness and trouble.

O, let us not be inattentive to the design of thy dealings, or insensible under thy rebukes. O, let it not be said of us as it was of the Jews, The harp, and the viol, and the tabret, and pipe, and wine are in their feasts, but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hand. Thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction; they have made their faces harder than the rock; they have refused to return.

In the way of thy judgments, O Lord, may we wait for thee. Thou hast said, Is any afflicted, let him pray. Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Fulfil the word unto thy servants, upon which thou hast caused us to hope. And O, let not the calamity be removed only, but above all, sanctified; let it appear that we have heard the rod, and him that appointeth it: and be able to say, It is good for us that we have been afflicted.

For which purpose, bless, we beseech thee, the word of thy grace, which has been spoken; and grant that the professed humiliation of the day may be real—for thou lookest to the heart. And let it also be universal, may it extend from the highest to the lowest; may it pervade every part of our country; may it enter every church, and every family—let none of us lose sight of ourselves in the public calamity. May each individual retire and ask, What have I done, and what wilt thou have me to do? And though other lords have had dominion over us, henceforth, by thee only, may we make mention of thy name. Regard the government under which we live, and the magistracy of the land—may all be wise in counsel, exemplary in conduct, and faithful to their trust.

And thus may we be reformed, and not destroyed. Thus may we be a

holy, that we may be a happy people, whose God is the Lord. Return, O Lord, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. O, satisfy us early with thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let thy work appear unto thy servants; and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it. (source:13)

LORD, enlighten us to see the beam that is in our own eye, and blind us to the mote that is in our brother's. Let us feel our offences with our hands, make them great and bright before us like the sun, make us eat them and drink them for our diet. Blind us to the offences of our beloved, cleanse them from our memories, take them out of our mouths for ever. Let all here before Thee carry and measure with the false balances of love, and be in their own eyes and in all conjunctures the most guilty.

Help us at the same time with the grace of courage, that we be none of us cast down when we sit lamenting amid the ruins of our happiness or our integrity: touch us with fire from the altar, that we may be up and doing to rebuild our city: in the name and by the method of him in whose words of prayer we now conclude. (source:23)

ALMIGHTY God, Lord of the storm and of the calm, the vexed sea and the quiet haven, of day and of night, of life and of death,—grant unto us so to have our hearts stayed upon Thy faithfulness, Thine unchangingness and love, that, whatsoever betide us, however black the cloud or dark the night, with quiet faith trusting in Thee, we may look upon Thee with untroubled eye, and walking in lowliness towards Thee, and in lovingness towards one another, abide all storms and troubles of this mortal life, beseeching Thee that they may turn to the soul's true good. We ask it for Thy mercy's sake, shown in Jesus Christ our Lord—Amen. (source:20)

The skirmish may be sharp, but it can not last long. The cloud, while it drops, is passing over thy head; then comes fair weather, and an eternal sunshine of glory. (source:21)

Ancient Holy Father, whose chosen way of manifesting Thyself to Thy children is by the discipline of trial and pain, we rejoice that we can turn to Thee in the midst of great anxiety, and commit all our troubles to Thy sure help. As Thou art with us in the sunlight, Oh, be Thou with us in the cloud. In the path by which Thou guidest us, though it be through desert and stormy sea, suffer not our faith to fail, but sustain us by Thy near presence, and let the comforts which are in Jesus Christ fill our hearts with peace. And, O God, grant that the fiery trial which trieth us may not be in vain, but may lead us to a cheerful courage, and a holy patience; and let patience have her perfect work, that we may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing, wholly consecrate to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord—Amen. (source:25)

BEWARE of letting your care degenerate into anxiety and unrest; tossed as you are amid the winds and waves of sundry troubles, keep your eyes fixed on the Lord, and say, "Oh, my God, I look to Thee alone; be Thou my guide, my pilot;" and then be comforted. When the shore is gained, who will heed the toil and the storm? And we shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God.

If at times we are somewhat stunned by the tempest, never fear; let us take breath, and go on afresh. Do not be disconcerted by the fits of vexation and uneasiness which are sometimes produced by the multiplicity of your domestic worries. No indeed, dearest child, all these are but opportunities of strengthening yourself in the loving, forbearing graces which our dear Lord sets before us. (source:24)

ON THE OCCASION OF A STORM OR OTHER DANGER AT SEA. Abridged.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art our refuge and our strength, a very

present help in trouble, have mercy upon us, and hear our prayer. Out of the depths do we cry unto Thee. Rebuke the wind and the sea, O God, and let there be a calm. Deliver us in this time of our extremity, that we may yet live to serve Thee, and to glorify Thy holy name.

O God, whose mercy is infinite, be Thou pleased to deliver us. O Lord, make haste to help us. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, we beseech Thee; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, who is able to save to the uttermost the chief of sinners, receive us graciously, forgive us freely; restore unto us the joys of Thy salvation, and uphold us with Thy free Spirit.

Give Thy blessing to the captain, the officers, and sailors of this ship. Give them wisdom, courage, and endurance, that by Thy grace they may bring us safely through this time of peril.

Help us all, O God, to commit ourselves to Thee, as to a faithful Creator and Redeemer, who hast said that Thou wilt never leave us nor forsake us. And if it be Thy will that these waters should overwhelm us, let our souls be safe in Thy hands, kept by Thy power unto life everlasting. Be merciful to our relatives and friends. Comfort them. Relieve their anxieties. Supply their wants. Forgive their sins. Encompass them with Thy favour as with a shield. And though we may never again see them in this world, may we meet them at last in the glories of Thy heavenly kingdom.

O God, for Christ's sake save us, or we perish. O hear us, for Thy mercies' sake, and send deliverance. Defer not, for Thine own sake, O our God. We do not present our supplications before Thee for our own righteousnesses, but for Thy great mercies, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour. (source:19)

My lifted eye, without a tear, The gathering storm shall see ; My trembling heart shall own no fear While it can trust in Thee. (source:21)

O Faithful God, Thou God of truth and righteousness, who unto the most comforting assurance hast shown us in Thy word of truth, how that an earnest, zealous, faithful and persevering prayer, powerfully penetrates the clouds of heaven, and not only most certainly comes into Thy presence, but also that it avails and effects a great deal, we, Thy poor children, now come, upon Thy comforting promise, in this extraordinarily protracted season of heat and drought, with our faithful, hearty and earnest prayer before the face of Thy lofty and divine majesty, and humbly beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst graciously hear us according to Thy promise, turn Thy great wrath in mercy from us, give unto the parched earth again its needed moisture, and cause a propitious shower to fall in quickening drops upon the earth, in order that it may again bring forth the ordained fruits so necessary for the support of our temporal life, which Thou in Thy paternal providence hast already ordained in the first creation.

As of old Thou didst unlock the windows of heaven in answer to the faithful prayer of Thy servant and prophet Elias, and didst cause it to rain upon the thirsty earth, so we also confide the same to Thee now, that Thou wilt let Thy grace reign over us in this season of heat and drought, and out of Thy fatherly care for us, grant us our earnest petition and prayer, unto Thy honor and our salvation, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our only Redeemer and Saviour. Amen. (source:14)

We confess, O Lord, that we have so greatly abused the comforts of thy good creatures, that thou mightest justly withdraw them from us, and make the heavens over us as brays, and the rain of our land dust, and the land itself to mourn, and all that grows upon it to wither.

But O thou Father of mercies, who in judgment rememberest mercy, consult not now our merits, but thy mercies, how to use us. Thou that hast the bottles and treasures of heaven at thy command, be pleased now to open the windows of heaven, and cause the rain to

come down in its season; making grass to grow for the cattle, and herbs and fruits of the earth for the service of men.

And however thou art pleased to deal with us, O suppress all our repinings at any of thy dealings, and let them all amend and better us: and make us a people prepared to receive the mercies which we want, and wait and beg for, at thy gracious hands, upon the account of Jesus Christ. Amen. (source:4)

EVENING. [abridged] O God, thou art good, and doest good. Thou art good to all, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works.

We have thought of thy loving kindness this day, in the midst of thy temple; and are again surrounding this domestic altar, to exclaim, O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

How many blessings, temporal and spiritual, public and private, hast thou conferred upon us. Thy mercies have been new every morning, and every moment.

Our afflictions have been few and alleviated, often short in their continuance, and always founded in a regard to our profit. Thy secret has been upon our tabernacle; and we have known thee in thy palaces for a refuge. The lines have indeed fallen to us in pleasant places, yea, we have a goodly heritage. Thou hast not dealt so with any people. It is a good land, which the Lord our God has given us – a land distinguished by knowledge; dignified as the abode of civil and religious freedom; endeared by the patriot's zeal, and the ashes of our forefathers; a land the Lord careth for, and upon which his eye has been from the beginning even to the end of the year.

Thou hast been a wall of fire round about us, by thy providential protection, and the glory in the midst of us, by the gospel of our salvation, the ordinances of religion, and the presence of thy Holy Spirit.

What shall we render unto the Lord, for all his benefits towards us? Because thou hast been our help, therefore under the shadow

of thy wing may we rejoice. Because thou hast heard our voice and our supplication, therefore may we call upon thee as long as we live; and in every future difficulty and distress, make thee our refuge and our portion.

Enable us to bless thee at all times; may thy praise continually be in our mouth; and may we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives.

Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion. Build thou the walls of Jerusalem. And as the churches have rest, may they walk in the fear of the Lord, and in the comforts of the Holy Ghost, and be multiplied.

Preside over our national councils; impart wisdom to those who conduct our public affairs; and may all the various classes in the community, pursue that righteousness which exalteth a nation, and forsake that sin which is a reproach to any people. (source:4)

IN THE SENATE, Wednesday, February 10, 1904. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing; but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

FATHER Almighty, our requests are first for courage in every period of calamity or difficulty, the courage of the children of the living God. Give us strength from Thine own omnipotence that we may do our duty when we know what our duty is.

We ask from Thee that Thou wilt teach us, as a father teaches his children, what we can do this day in Thine infinite service. We ask for purity, for peace, that we may be pure as Thou art pure, and that we may know what is the peace of God. We ask Thee that we may be gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance and without hypocrisy, knowing that Thou wilt give us what we really need, and that if we seek it with all our heart and all our soul and all our mind and all our strength. Thou art at hand.

And, Father, we bring Thee our personal sorrows and difficulties and trials. We ask Thee to be by the bedside of those whom we love, that Thou wilt be with the sick and those who' minister to them, to give wisdom to their love and hope and endeavor to give faith and perseverance in whatever trial.

Be with the rulers of the world, with those who are at war with each other, that they may know the peace of God ; with all people, with all rulers, that they may seek to enter into thy kingdom of love and purity and peace, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done. We ask it in Christ Jesus. (source:12)

In view of an expected attack from the combined forces of the enemy, the following order was issued, July 2d:

The time is now near at hand which must probably determine, whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses and farms are to be pillaged and destroyed, and they consigned to a state of wretchedness, from which no human efforts will probably deliver them.

The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us no choice but a brave resistance or the most abject submission. This is all that we can expect. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die.

Our own country's honour calls upon us for a vigorous and manly exertion, and if we now shamefully fail, we shall become infamous to the whole world. Let us rely upon the goodness of the cause, and the aid of the Supreme Being, in whose hands victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble actions. (source:17)

Most merciful Father, we desire to feel in every event of life, that it is by thy providence we are directed and supported; that in thee we live and move and have our being. Grant that we may look on all the trials of life as means granted by thee for the formation and

improvement of our moral character.

May we habituate ourselves to look upon the events which happen to us as being parts of the great system of thy government; and since, so far as we can see, the laws of thy providence are infinitely merciful, so may we regard that portion of them which may directly affect us. Thus feeling ourselves surrounded by evidences of thy loving kindness, may we, moved with love and gratitude, seek steadily and with sincerity to do in every thing thy will.

We pray thee to bless the purpose which assembles us together; may we use conscientiously the means which thou hast granted us for our advancement in knowledge; may we remember that we are accountable to thee for every talent and for every opportunity which we enjoy, and wilt thou so help us, that when we render our account to thee, we may each hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

May thy blessing be with our friends. Wilt thou, in mercy, visit a world lying in ignorance and sin, where oppression and injustice, where idolatry and superstition, where self-indulgence and forgetfulness of God, hold so large dominion; let thy purifying spirit go abroad upon it; wilt thou sit as a refiner, and purge the nations till untruth and impiety shall cease, and until men shall offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness, through Jesus Christ Amen. (source:26)

Prayer Against the Enemies of Christendom. O Lord God, why do the wicked rage without cause? And the mighty set themselves and take counsel against Thee and Thy Son, Thine Anointed? O Lord, how numerous are Thine enemies, and great the number of those who conspire against Thy word to destroy it, and put their own evil idolatry in its place and introduce false doctrines into Thy Church.

They invent secret artifices and practices, to destroy the confessors of Thy word. They counsel what is evil, pregnant with calamity. They lie in wait for us like the lion seeking his prey. Thus they waylay our souls. They open wide their jaws, like a gaping sepulchre,

to devour us. O Lord God, commit us not to their will, for behold, the wicked mob speaks in its heart, Thou, O Lord, hast forgotten us. Thou hast concealed Thy countenance.

Arise, therefore, O Lord. Lift up Thy hand, forget not the distressed. Awaken, O Lord, why sleepest Thou! Awake, and do not quite reject us. Why dost Thou hide Thy face, and forget our misery and distress? Arise, and help us, and deliver us for Thy mercy sake, that the enemy may not injure us, nor the children of Belial harm us. Save us from the hands of aliens, whose teaching is useless, and their works evil. For they will not be guided to do good. They will not regard Thee, the Lord of hosts, nor yet the works of Thy hands. Thou wilt destroy and not build them. O Lord God Sabaoth, militate Thou against our assailants. Give victory to our Christian government, and conquer the enemies of Thy name.

For victory cometh from heaven, and is not brought about by the great multitude. Thou canst as readily help through the few as through the many. Therefore destroy the arm of the wicked. Make their counsels of no account, that they can not accomplish them, but must be brought to naught with shame. They must return, who hate Thee, and seek to annihilate Thy holy word. They must be as chaff before the wind. Thy holy angel brush them aside, that they may not boast against Thee and say our hand hath done this. Therefore safeguard Thy honor among men, and help us for Thy name's sake, that it may not be desecrated and blasphemed. Amen. (source:11)

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Comfort of the sad, the Strength of sufferers, let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee; that all may rejoice to find that Thy mercy is present with them in their afflictions; through Jesus Christ our Lord—Amen. (source:20)

IN THE SENATE, Monday, January 4, 1904. Because ye are sons, God sent forth the spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

FATHER of light, Father of love, we come to Thee as children. We

come to ask Thee for everything and to thank Thee for everything. But most of all to ask Thee to lead us in all our ways, to teach us to do the work set before us, to be about our Father's business. Comfort us, that we may have strength for our weakness. We are very weak, Thou art very strong.

We do not pray for ourselves alone. We would pray for those in great sorrow, who have seen the last of those they love. We pray for the stricken city far from us in the great calamity which has overtaken so many of its people. Comfort them in their affliction. Bless, we pray Thee, all sorts and conditions of men. (source:12)

Abide with us, O Lord, this night, and with all the sick and sorrowful, the forsaken and weary, to strengthen and to cheer, and to give rest. Amen. (source:9)

Prayer for the Wounded. Lord God, our Heavenly Father! We implore Thy eternal compassion for all who are this day wounded, suffering, or dying. Be Thou nigh unto them in their affliction. Comfort them with Thy grace and with the hopeful assurance, that, though kindred and friends be far away, Thou art ever present and hearest even the faintest sight of all who seek Thy succor. If it be Thy pleasure, restore to them their former health and vigor.

Help them to bear their pains without murmuring against Thy grace. Give them patience and strength and faith in Thee. May they rest assured, that Thou wilt never leave nor forsake them. Deliver them from the assaults of the enemies of their souls. O God and Father in heaven, bless them and all of us, and may we ever seek those things that are acceptable to Thy sight. Forgive us our sins, not because of any merit or worthiness in us, but solely because Thou art merciful for Christ's sake. And to Thee, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be glory and honor forever. Amen. (source:11)

Grant unto us, almighty God, in all times of sore distress, the comfort of the forgiveness of our sins. In time of darkness give us blessed hope, in time of sickness of body give us quiet courage; and when the heart is bowed down, and the soul is very heavy, and life

is a burden, and pleasure a weariness, and the sun is too bright, and life too mirthful, then may that Spirit, the Spirit of the Comforter, come upon us, and after our darkness may there be the clear shining of the heavenly light; that so, being uplifted again by Thy mercy, we may pass on through this our mortal life with quiet courage, patient hope, and unshaken trust, hoping through Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy to be delivered from death into the large life of the eternal years. Hear us of Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord—Amen. (source:25)

When pain transfixes every part, And languor settles at the heart; When, on my bed, diseased, opprest, 1 turn, and sigh, and long for rest; O great Physician! see my grief, And grant thy servant sweet relief (source:18)

For Those who Minister to the Wounded and Sick O merciful God, whose blessed Son went about doing good; Uphold with thy strength and grace those who do service to the wounded and the sick; grant to the ministers of thy gospel faithfulness and love, to the physicians and surgeons wisdom and skill, to the nurses sympathy and patience; and we beseech thee to protect and bless them in all dangers, anxieties, and labours; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (source:9)

For Those Wounded in War O Lord, we pray thee to have mercy upon all who are this day wounded and suffering. Though kindred and friends be far away, let thy grace be their comfort. Raise them to health again, if it be thy good pleasure; but chiefly give them patience and faith in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (source:9)

For a Friend in any Danger, O GOD, Who justifiest the ungodly, and willest not the death of a sinner; we humbly beseech Thy Majesty that Thou wouldest graciously protect with heavenly aid Thy servant _____, who relies on Thy mercy, and keep him safe with unceasing protection; that he may continually serve Thee, and not be parted from Thee by any temptation; through our Lord Jesus

Christ. (source:19)

O LORD, I fling myself with all my weakness and misery into Thy ever-open arms. I know that I am ignorant and much mistaken about myself. Thou, who seest in very truth, look mercifully on me. Lay Thy healing hand upon my wounds. Pour the life-giving balm of Thy love into my heart. Do for me what I have not the courage to do for myself. Save me in spite of myself. May I be Thine; wholly Thine, and, at all costs, Thine. In humiliation, in poverty, in suffering, in self-abnegation, Thine. Thine in the way Thou knowest to be most fitting, in order that Thou mightest be now and ever mine. Thou art my Strength and my Redeemer. I am Thy poor little creature, dependent on Thy merciful charity alone —Amen. (source:20)

Almighty God and Father, who hast taught us to offer prayer to Thee for all men, help us now with brotherly kindness to remember the sorrows and sins of our lost world, so that with pitiful hearts we may make intercession with Thee for our brothers and sisters of the whole human race.

Have mercy, O God, on all mankind; convert the heathen nations to the Cross of Christ; increase the liberality and holy living of Christian peoples; let Christ's kingdom come, and let us and ours be found in Him in that great day when He shall judge the world.

Defend, O Lord, by Thy mighty power, and with Thy counsel guide all Christian kings and righteous rulers of men; especially our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria and all who, under her, direct the order and administer the government of this great nation.

Bless with light and life from on high the whole Church of Christ; dispel darkness and superstition, worldliness and unbelief; unite all good men in loyalty to Thee and love to one another; and let the truth ever be more fully known and the Master more faithfully served.

Guard our homes from hurt and harm; console friends that mourn;

recover any that are sick; bless the little children; cheer the aged, the lonely, and careworn; fulfil the hopes of youth; strengthen those who bear the burdens of maturer years, and bring us all at last to Thy Heavenly home.

Accept these petitions, and the unspoken prayers of our hearts, which we offer one for another for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (source:13)

LET me lie still in suffering, dear Christ, and think of Thee. Fix my mind on Thy Cross and Passion, and make me know the bliss of being Thy companion in pain. And O, when it is hard to be calm and quiet, come Thou very, very near, and speak peace to my soul. So shall my grief be turned to joy and my heaviness to cheer—Amen. (source:20)

O GIVE Thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy and truth endure forever. Thank the God of heaven, because His goodness endureth forever. Let Israel now say, that His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say, that His mercy endureth forever. Let them now that fear the Lord, say, that His mercy endureth forever.

O what fears we entertained, lest the fruits of the field be destroyed; what cares and misgivings, lest we be deprived, before our very eyes, of the bread God has bestowed upon us in these hard times! But it is the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not; they are new every morning. Now thank ye all our God, who wondrous things hath done at all places, who from our mother's arms sustained our lives, and blessed us with countless gifts of love. O God, give peace to Thy land, prosperity and happiness to every estate. O Lord God, heavenly Father, who dost grant a holy courage, good counsel and right works, give that peace to Thy servants that the world cannot give, that our hearts may cling to Thy commandments, and we, by Thy protection, may pass our time quietly and secure from our enemies, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. Amen. (source:14)

And now, O Lord, we realize and confess with thankfulness of heart, that Thou didst give us our early and latter rains in due season, and didst keep faithful watch over our harvests each year. Thou hast watered our ridges abundantly, and hast settled the furrows thereof: Thou didst make it soft with showers: Thou didst bless the springing thereof. Thou hast given increase to our grain and growth to our land. Thanks, honor, praise, and glory be unto God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (source:14)

We also pray Thee, beloved God and Father, from the inmost of our hearts, give unto us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may receive with thankfulness what Thou hast bestowed upon us, and sanctify it with Thy Word and prayer. Grant that these temporal blessings be devoted to Thy honor and applied to the support of ourselves and our churches and schools, including our needy neighbor, and at the same time that the harmful and despicable love of money and the cares of this life be most diligently avoided.

Protect this place and the whole country from the dangers and distress of war, from hostile invasions and devastations. Give to our beloved government the spirit of wisdom, of counsel, of power and strength. Confirm and preserve among us the peace we value. Let us pass the days of our sojourning in true knowledge of Thy holy name and in Thy fear; also in health of body, peace, and unity, and finally do Thou grant unto all of us eternal salvation, for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior's sake. Amen. (source:14)

Prayer During War. [abridged] O Lord God, who art righteous in Thy judgment, and plenteous in mercy, whose faithfulness endureth from generation to generation, who rulest even above the din of war: may all nations learn to know that Thou alone art God, that Jesus Christ is Thy Son, and that all who truly confess Thy name are the people of Thy pasture and the sheep of Thy hand. Thou hast permitted the nations to rise up in war against each other and our own beloved country to become engulfed in its throes. O

Lord God, our Father, we know that war is a punishment for sin and that we, too, have justly merited Thy punishment through our sins. Therefore we humbly confess our sins, and supplicate Thy pity and compassion, lay not our iniquities against us, but graciously forgive us our sins and shortcomings for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. To Thy fatherly goodness and care we commend our people, and especially our soldiers and sailors now in the service of their country. They are absent from their loved ones, beset by dangers on all sides. Be Thou ever near.

Keep them from all evil. O Thou, without whose consent not even a sparrow falleth to the ground and who hast numbered the very hairs of our heads, take them under the shadow of Thy wings. Give them courage and obedience, fortitude and valor in the hour of danger, and compassion and mercy in the flush of victory. Prosper their arms to the establishment of justice, peace, and truth among all peoples. Lead them safely back to their homes and their loved ones, better citizens, better Christians than before. And to Thy holy name be glory, laud, and honor, world without end. Amen.

my peace i give unto you, not as the world giveth… (source:14)

Prayer for the Army and Navy. Almighty and Eternal God, Thou King of kings and Lord of lords, who rulest and governest all things in heaven and earth: we beseech Thine infinite mercy to bless the officers and men of our army and navy.

Preserve them against all dangers and temptations which may assail their lives. Help them manfully to battle against and overcome the powers of evil, the world, the devil, and the flesh. May they ever be filled with Thy Holy Spirit from on high, and in courage, manliness, and truthfulness prevail in the hour of danger and when the battle rages, may they ever look to Thee, who art the succorer of those in peril, as to their only helper, and in Thy name fight a holy fight to maintain the country's honor and keep the flag unsullied, that truth and righteousness may prevail.

Put to naught all evil designs and devices of their enemies, both

spiritual and temporal. Guide Thou and direct them that they may ever fight the good fight of faith and in the end overcome and attain to their soul's salvation, to the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (source:11)

Look down, O Lord, upon all parts of the earth that are full of darkness and cruel habitations ; break the power of the oppressor, and deliver his victims; and unite them together in a common submission to thy most gentle and easy yoke, O Lord of tenderness and pity; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen. (source:27)

O God, who in the past hast blest our nation so abundantly and so far beyond our deservings; grant that, taught by thy present chastisements, we may be led to true penitence for our many sins and our grievous neglect of thee and of thy service; that so, turning to thee with all our heart, we may henceforth glorify thee by our faithful performance of thy holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (source:27)

Almighty God, the Father of mercies, and the God of all consolation, our only help in time of need, we flee unto thee for succour in this season of tribulation and distress. Out of the deeps we call unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear our voice. O let thine ears consider well the voice of our complaint.

We acknowledge, O God, that for our iniquities we are visited, and for our sins are we troubled. We are born to trouble as the sparks fly upward, because we have been transgressors from the womb. And if thou shouldst be extreme to mark what we have done amiss, our present sorrows would only be the beginning of sorrows which should know no end. Wherefore should a living man complain? a man for the punishment of his sins?

But thou art gracious and merciful; full of compassion and of great goodness. Thou hast not dealt with us according to our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. Blessed be thy name, that thou not only hast opened unto us a way of escape from the wrath

to come, but hast mercifully ordained the sufferings of the present life to work together for good to them that love thee.

Thy wise providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth. Not a sparrow falleth to the ground without thy knowledge and appointment; and the very hairs of our head are all numbered. Thou assurest us, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men) but for their profit, that they may be partakers of thy holiness. Whom thou lovest, thou chastenest; and scourgest every son whom thou receivest. Thou afflictest us to humble us, and to prove us, and to know what is in our hearts; and whether we will love thee, and keep thy commandments, or no.

Give us grace therefore to consider, in this day of our adversity, wherefore thou contendest with us, and art wroth. Let us not despise thy chastening, nor faint when we are rebuked of thee; nor be weary of thy correction. But let us be still, and know that thou art God. In patience enable us to possess our souls. Grant that our tribulation may work patience; and patience experience; and experience hope; and our hope, let it not make ashamed; but let thy love be shed abroad in our hearts, through the Holy Ghost given unto us.

Let us not cast away our confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. Though troubled on every side, let us not be distressed; though perplexed, let us not be in despair; though cast down, let us not be destroyed. And be pleased to cause our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, to work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things that are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen, are temporal; but the things which are not seen, are eternal. Though no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; yet afterwards let it yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto us who are now exercised thereby. Grant that we may find it good to be afflicted, and see that thou, of very faithfulness, hast caused us to be in trouble.

And whenever it may please thee to deliver us out of the miseries

of this sinful world, of thy gracious goodness receive us into that blessed kingdom, where thou shalt wipe away all tears from our eyes; where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

We beseech thee, also, O Lord, to have compassion on our brethren and companions in tribulation. Have mercy upon all sick persons; and make all their bed in their sickness. Eternal God, be thou their refuge, and place underneath them thy everlasting arms.

Look graciously upon them, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen them, we beseech thee, so much the more continually, by thy grace and Holy Spirit, in the inward man. Give them unfeigned repentance for all the sins of their past lives, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that their sins may be done away by thy mercy, and their pardon sealed in heaven, before they go hence, and are no more seen.

We commend into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour, the souls of those who are departing this life; most humbly beseeching thee, that they may be precious in thy sight. Wash them, we pray thee, in the blood of that spotless Lamb which was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements they may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and wicked world, through the lusts of the flesh or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, they may be presented pure and without spot before thee.

Be gracious also unto thy people who are weeping, and refuse to be comforted, for the loss of beloved friends and relations, departed this life in thy faith and fear. Let them not be sorry, as men without hope, for those that sleep in thee: but comfort them with the joyful expectation, that they shall see each other again at the resurrection in the last day. May it please thee, likewise, to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed.

And, since many are the afflictions of the righteous. Lord, remember them and all their troubles. Regard those who are in heaviness through manifold temptations. Graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against them be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that they, thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee, and glorify thy name.

Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate. That it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. (source:4)

PRAYER OF MOSES FOR WATER FOR THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL. We meet Moses at the time of this prayer marching with the hosts of Israel from Egypt to Canaan, and still looking upward to that God who had led them thus far, whose stores are never exhausted, and whose love is boundless. Peevish and weary, the children of Israel complain bitterly to Moses; escaped from servitude, supplied with manna, led through the parted waters of the sea, they yet forget God, and now put to a severe trial the meekness and forbearance of their leader. But in this hour Moses forgets not his great Guide; he has a refuge when every other fails, and the rod which had bruised and broken Egypt is now used to restore the thirsty spirit of those murmuring children. God heard the prayer of Moses; the stream that flowed from that flinty rock accompanied their whole way through the wilderness; in it was a type of Him whose precious blood was shed for a dying race— the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

The Prayer as recorded. —Exodus xvii. 4 And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, What shall I do unto this people"? they be almost ready to stone me. The Answer. —Exodus xvii. 6 And the Lord said

unto Moses, Go on before the people and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. (source:29)

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth most heartily I beseech Thee to behold and bless Thy servant, the President of the Confederate States, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the. grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this- life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (source:22)

Prayer and Hope of Victory.

Now may the God of grace and power Attend his people's humble cry; Defend them in the needful hour, And send deliverance from on high.

In His salvation is our hope; And in the name of Israel's God Our troops shall lift their banners up, Our navies spread their flags abroad.

Some trust in horses train'd for war, And some of chariots make their boast; Our surest expectations are From Thee, the Lord of heavenly hosts.

Then save us, Lord, from slavish fear, And let our trust be firm and strong, Till Thy salvation shall appear, And hymns of peace conclude our song. (source:22)

FOR A HEROIC TEMPER GRANT, O Lord, as Thou hast cast my lot in a fair ground, that I may show forth contentment by rejoicing in the privileges with which Thou hast strewn my path, and by using to the full my opportunities for service.

In hours of hardship, preserve me from self-pity and endow me with the warrior's mind, that even in the heat of battle I may be inspired with the sense of vocation and win the peace of the victor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If in life's battle I am wounded or tottering, pour into my wounds the balm of hope and imbue me with courage undaunted to arise and continue the strife. Amen. (source:16)

Consider now the same tendency to pray in a crisis, which appears in the European war. Here is a passage from a Scotchman's letter, describing the infidel in his town, who never went to church, but who now sits in the kirk, and is moved to tears when he hears the minister pray for the king's forces, and for the bereaved at home:

"It was then that my friend stifled a sob. There was Something after all, Something greater than cosmic forces, greater than law—with an eye to pity and an arm to save. There was God. My friend's son was with the famous regiment that was swaying to and fro, grappling with destiny. He was helpless—and there was only God to appeal to.

There comes an hour in life when the heart realizes that instinct is mightier far than logic. With us in the parish churches of Scotland the great thing is the sermon. But today it is different; the great thing now is prayer."

So always a crisis shakes loose the tendency to pray. (source:21)

Queen Elizabeth's Prayers For England. The conduct of Queen Elizabeth, in defending her realm against the invincible Armada and threatened Spanish invasion, was truly noble; and the day on which she went, in martial pomp, to visit her soldiers, in the loyal camp at Tilbury, is justly regarded the most interesting in her life.

During the dreadful interval between the sailing of the Spanish fleet and its appearance in the English Channel, Queen Elizabeth, in imitation, perhaps, of her royal step-mother, Katharine Parr, composed the following prayer for the use of the church of England:

"We do instantly beseech Thee, of thy gracious goodness, to be merciful to the church militant here upon earth, and at this time compassed about with most strong and subtile adversaries. O, let Thine enemies know that Thou hast received England, which they, most of all for thy gospel's sake do malign, into Thine own protection.

Set a wall about it, O Lord, and evermore mightily defend it. Let it be a comfort to the afflicted, a help to the oppressed, and a defence to thy church and people, persecuted abroad. And, forasmuch as this cause is now in hand, direct and go before our armies, both by sea and land.

Bless them and prosper them, and grant unto them thy honorable success and victory. Thou art our help and shield: O give good and prosperous success to all those who fight this battle against the enemies of thy gospel."

This prayer was read twice a week in all the churches. (source:7)

O Eternal Purity! Thou art brighter than the sun, purer than the angels, and the heavens are not clean in Thy sight; with mercy behold Thy servant, apt to be tempted with every object, and to be overcome by every enemy. I cannot, O God, stand in the day of battle and danger, unless Thou coverest me with Thy shield, and hidest me under Thy wings. Thou didst make me after Thine image ; be pleased to preserve me so pure and spotless, that my body may be a holy temple, and my soul a sanctuary to entertain Thy divinest Spirit, the Spirit of love and holiness—Amen. (source:25)

In Time of War O God, who seest that in this warfare we are seeking to serve thee, and yet in the waging of it must needs do many things that are an offence against thy love; Accept we pray thee, our imperfect offering. Arm us with thy Spirit that our warfare may further the victory of thy justice and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (source:9)

UNTO Thee, O Lord, we cry, in the night of the world's darkness,

for the coming of the dawn of peace. Is not the earth Thine? Are not the hearts of all men in Thy keeping? Remember the desolate homes, the long suspense of waiting, the sorrows of the exiled and the poor, the growth of hate, the hindrance of good, and make an end of war.

By the love we bear to fathers, brothers, lovers, sons, by the long agony of trench and battle-field and hospital, by the woe brought home to the hearts of mothers and by the orphaned children's need, hasten Thou the coming of the ages of good-will.

Raise up leaders for the work of peace. Show us our part in the redemption of the world from cruelty and hate and make us faithful and courageous. In the name of Him whose kingdom is our heart's desire and whose will for men is love. Amen. (source:16)

Meditation: War is evil, but not wholly evil. DAY after day come streams of letters from the front, odd stories, fragments of diaries, and the like, full of the small, intimate facts which reveal character; and almost with one accord they show that these men have not fallen, but risen. No doubt there has been some selection in the letters; to some extent the writers repeat what they wish to have remembered, and say nothing of what they wish to forget; but, when all allowances are made, one cannot read the letters and the despatches without a feeling of almost passionate admiration for the men about whom they tell.

They were not originally a set of men chosen for their peculiar qualities. They were just our ordinary fellow-citizens, the men you meet on a crowded pavement. There was nothing to suggest that their conduct in common life was better than that of their neighbors, yet now, under the stress of war, having a duty before them that is clear and unquestioned and terrible, they are daily doing nobler things than we, most of us, have ever had the chance of doing—things which we hardly dare hope that we might be able to do.

I am not thinking of the rare achievements that win a V. C. or a cross of the Legion of Honor, but of the common, necessary heroism

of the average men; the long endurance, the devoted obedience, the close-banded life in which self-sacrifice is the normal rule and all men may be forgiven except the man who saves himself at the expense of his comrade. I think of the men who share their last biscuit with a starving peasant, who help wounded comrades through days and nights of horrible retreat, who give their lives to save mates or officers; of the expressions on faces that I have seen or read about, something alert and glad and self-respecting in the eyes of those who are going to the front, and even of the wounded who are returning. (source:16)

GIVE peace in our time, O Lord. O Thou good Lord and lover of men, again and again we supplicate Thee, grant us Thy peace. Not that peace of yesterday, out of which we have been awakened and of which we are now ashamed, a truce which under the name of peace cloaked the spirit of war, while some prepared their weapons, and all sought by cunning to obtain what men now manfully battle for—not for this peace in name do we supplicate Thee, Thou God of peace. Not that we may fulfil our greed or indulge our slothfulness, that we may live once more at ease and return to our pleasures and exact again the labors of the poor —not for this do we presume to make our petition unto Thee, O God of righteousness. Not that we may see our desire upon our enemies do we dare to pray unto Thee, Thou God of love. Neither do we pray alone that war may cease, so that with immunity from danger we may continue to hate our enemies, for Thine ears are closed to such a prayer, and thou hast forbidden us to desire vengeance upon our adversaries.

But we pray for Thy peace, which is of the heart. Grant us now Thy peace, good Lord, in righteousness and strong endeavor and in love; that all races of men that dwell upon the face of the whole earth may be one, as Thou, Creator, Father, art one; that by the exhortation that is in Christ, by the incentive that is in love, by the fellowship in one Spirit, by the prompting of tender mercies and compassion, men may be of the same mind, having the same love, of one accord, of one mind, doing nothing through faction or through vainglory, but

in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself; not looking each to his own things, but each also to the things of others; that the same mind may be in us all which was in Christ Jesus, who for us sinners meekly put aside His heavenly glory, and for love of men became man, and was among us as one that serveth, who humbled Himself even unto death, yea, the death of the cross, that we, practising His humility, might be exalted together with Him, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end. (source:16)

Prayer on the Eve of Battle. O Lord God of hosts, Thou the Highest of the high and the Holiest of the holy, who rulest and shapest all things to the glory of Thy name and the betterment of Thy people: we humbly beseech Thine infinite mercy in this hour of our peril, judge Thou between us and our enemies.

Be Thou our sure defense. Stir up Thy might and hasten to our help. Lay not our sins to our charge, but for the sake of Thy dear Son, our only Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, manifest Thy mercy toward us and blot out our iniquities, and sanctify and guide us by Thy truth. We Thy poor servants call upon Thy holy name, and implore Thy grace.

Have mercy upon us. Lead us safely through the blood and carnage. Make it appear that Thou art our deliverer. Make us strong with the assurance that it is Thy cause, that we are Thy children, that Thou holdest our destiny in Thy hand. And if it is Thy will that we should lay down our lives—Thy will be done! Help us then that our last day on this earth may be the first in Thy paradise. Bless our loved ones at home, and comfort them with the hopeful assurances of Thy word. May they and all of us rightfully know and appreciate, whether we live, we live unto the Lord. And whether we die, we die unto the Lord. Therefore whether we live or die we are the Lord's. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (source:11)

2 Chronicles 20:15 King James Version (KJV) 15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou

king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

ANSWER—v. 15, 24. Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours but God's. To-morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem : fear not, nor be dismayed: to-morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you And when Judah same toward the watch-tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

Psalm 86 9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. 10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone. 11 Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. 12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. 13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. 14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them. 15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. 16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid. 17 Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PROMISE— Deut. XX. 2-4. If shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, and shall say unto them, Hear, 0 Israel; Ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint; fear not, and

do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them: for the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. (source:1)

TO BE USED ON BOARD A SHIP OF WAR. TO BE USED BEFORE A BATTLE ALMIGHTY GOD, who rulest among the nations, setting up one and bringing down another according to Thy will, Thou that musterest the host of the battle, we come unto Thee in prayer, and ask Thee to be with us now, making us fit for every duty, and up holding us by Thine almighty power.

Teach our hands to war; make our arms strong; and gird us with might in the battle. Deliver us, if it be Thy will, from wounds and death, and grant us the victory. Remove fear far from us, and enable us to quit us like men. Prosper the just cause, O God, and bring us forth in safety from the midst of our enemies. Then will we give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, and will sing praises unto Thy name.

Give now, O Lord, Thy grace to those of us who will fall in the battle. Prepare all such for death. Subdue the rage of battle in them before they die, that they may die in peace of spirit, with Thee and with all men.

Give patience and strength to those who will have to bear wounds and suffering for many days. In the exultation of victory keep us within the bounds of purity, sobriety, and of the Christian victor's joy, lest we forget Thee and the duties we owe to all men.

Forgive all our sins, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, and grant that there may be in us evermore the spirit of Christ Jesus our Lord, so that living or dying we may be His. Bless all our dear ones in distant lands. Keep them and do them good, O God of our salvation; and, if it be Thy holy will, spare us to join them again in the land of our birth; but above all, grant to every one of us such faith and true holiness that, through Jesus our Lord, we may come at last into Thy heavenly kingdom.

O God, keep us all faithful unto death; and then do Thou give unto

us the crown of life. (source:19)

TO BE USED AFTER A BATTLE. ALMIGHTY GOD, who in Thy merciful providence hast covered our heads in the day of battle, and saved us from the hands of our enemies, we thankfully acknowledge Thy great goodness. May Thy grace enable us truly to thank Thee, and to devote to Thy service the lives which Thou hast spared. Because Thou hast been our help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will we rejoice. Because Thou hast delivered our souls from death, we will walk before Thee in the land of the living.

Continue to us, we beseech Thee, Thy protection, and teach us steadfastly to put our trust in Thee, as our reconciled God and Father in Christ Jesus, so that we may not fear before our enemies. Suffer us not to faint or be discouraged in the stress of war; and in success dispose us to give all the glory to Thee. Grant us Thine aid in our warfare, and continue to crown our arms with victory, that peace may be secured.

Father of mercies, have pity on the wounded. Relieve their sufferings; sustain their strength; render effectual the means used for their recovery; and let Thy chastening, though for the present grievous, yield in them afterwards the peaceable fruit of righteousness.

Bless, O God, the friends and relatives of the fallen. Provide for their wants, and comfort them in their time of sorrow.

Teach us all, that in the midst of life we are in death, and by Thy grace prepare us for our change. Confirm our faith and hope in the Redeemer, who is able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto Thee through Him. Living or dying, may we be the Lord's. Graciously accept our praises and answer our prayers, for the sake of Thy beloved Son, our strength and our Redeemer. (source:19)

O GOD the Father, who hast purchased to Thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of Thy dear Son, Have mercy upon us and save us! O God the Son, our great High Priest, who ever livest to make intercession for the Church which Thou hast redeemed. Have

mercy upon us, and save us! O Holy Ghost, the Comforter, who didst send Thy grace upon the Bishops and Pastors, and the whole body of Thy Church, Have mercy upon us, and save us! O holy and blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in whose most holy Name we have been baptized and brought into Thy Church, Have mercy upon us, and save us!

Remember not. Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our fore-fathers, neither take Thou vengeance of our sins; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

We have sinned with our fathers, and done wickedly: our fathers regarded not Thy judgments, neither kept Thy great goodness in remembrance ; and we have rebelled against Thee with our inventions, and have been brought low in our iniquities.

Have mercy upon us, and save us! From open and disguised un-belief. From impenitence and hardness of heart. From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism, From all contempt of Thy Word and commandments. From the unrighteousness of Balaam, and the gainsaying of Korah. From the tyranny of rulers, and madness of the people. From the sword without, and terror within. From leaving the old paths, and seeking out new inventions, From doing our own ways, and seeking our own pleasure, and speaking our own words. From a fretful and disobedient temper. (source:2)

A great sorrow recasts a soul; it either draws it nearer to the friend whose intimacy must elevate it, or drives it into the far cold space of rebellion and despair. (source:21)

A PRAYER FOR OUR ENEMIES. O God, we beseech Thee, forgive and pardon our enemies, and give us that measure of Thy grace, that for their hatred we may love them; for their cursing we may bless them: for their injury we may do them good; and for their persecution we may pray for them. They have laid a net for our steps, and they have digged a pit before us; Lord, we desire not that they themselves should fall into the midst of these, but we beseech

Thee keep us out of them, and deliver, establish, bless and prosper us for Thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, we desire to consecrate ourselves and our country, now and forever, imploring Thee to be our God, and to make us Thy people. Amen. (source:28)

Ant. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge. PSALM XLVI. God is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea. Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

Repeat Antiphon all together. Ant. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge. The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved : but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away. Repeat Antiphon all together. Ant. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge. O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord : what destruction he hath brought upon the earth. He maketh wars to cease in all the world : he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire. , . Be still then, and know that I am God : I would be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth. Repeat Antiphon all together. Ant. The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge. Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle. Thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.

Let us pray. O Lord God of hosts, bless our sailors and soldiers ; keep them pure and loyal amid all their temptations; and grant that all their operations may tend to peace on earth: that they may fight nobly in their earthly warfare, and may maintain steadfastly the Christian conflict against sin, the world, and the devil, and triumph

therein by thy victorious might, O Lord, thou God of hosts. Amen. . . (source:27)

Almighty Father, if it is Thy holy will that we shall obtain a place and name among the nations of the earth, grant that we may be enabled to show our gratitude for Thy goodness, by our endeavors to fear and obey Thee. Bless us with wisdom in our councils, success in battle, and let all our victories be tempered with humanity.

Endow, also, our enemies with enlightened minds, that they may become sensible of their injustice, and willing to restore our liberty and peace. Grant the petition of Thy servant for the sake of Him whom Thou hast called Thy beloved Son; nevertheless, not our will but Thine be done. Amen. (source:17)

Almighty God, whose Providence watcheth over all things, and in whose hands is the disposal of all events, we look up to Thee for Thy protection and blessing amidst the apparent and great dangers with which we are encompassed. Thou hast, in Thy wisdom, permitted us to be threatened with the many evils of an unnatural and destructive war. Save us, we beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies.

Watch over our fathers, and brothers, and sons, who, trusting in Thy defence and in the righteousness of our cause, have gone forth to the service of their country. May their lives be precious in Thy sight. Preserve them from all the dangers to which they may be exposed. Enable them successfully to perform their duty to Thee and to their country, and do Thou, in Thine infinite wisdom and power, so overrule events, and so dispose the hearts of all engaged in this painful struggle, that it may soon end in peace and brotherly love, and lead not only to the safety, honor and welfare of our Confederate States, but to the good of Thy people, and the glory of Thy great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (source:28)

The Soldier's Prayer in Camp. O Eternal God, who by Thy unsearchable wisdom, by Thy Almighty power and secret providence, dost determine the issues of human counsels, the events of war and

the return of victory and peace, let the light of Thy countenance, and the blessed influences of Thy mercy, be once more shed upon this afflicted land. Pity the evils which we suffer under the power and tyranny of war, and although we acknowledge Thy justice in our sufferings and adore Thee in thy judgments, yet we beseech Thee to hearken to our prayers and provide a remedy for our calamities.

Let not the defenders of a righteous cause go away ashamed, nor their counsels be brought to nought. Look with compassion upon our infirmities and remember not our sins, but support us with Thy staff, lift us up with Thy hand, and refresh us with Thy presence. And if a threatening cloud should still overshadow us, illuminate our minds with divine truth, that with the eye of faith and hope we may see beyond it; catching a glimpse of those mercies which in Thy secret providence and adorable wisdom Thou mayest still vouchsafe to Thy unworthy servants amidst the saddening scenes and hardships of war.

Give us grace and strength diligently to do our duty and cheerfully to submit to Thy will; and as we do put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and have laid up all our hopes in Thy bosom, let us never be put to shame or confusion before our enemies: but as Thine are the strength and the power, O Lord of Hosts, do Thou make bare Thy mighty arm and give us the victory.

Place a guard of angels, O Lord, about the Commander-in-chief, and uphold him with the defence of Thy right hand, that no unhallowed arm may do him violence; support him in all his dangers and trials, and give to all under his orders the spirit of confidence and obedience. Bless all the subordinate officers and confederates under his command. Direct their counsels, govern their actions, unite their hearts and strengthen their hands. Inspire all in the army with ready submission to lawful authority, with a sense of justice and integrity in all their dealings; with courage to resist and overcome the furiousness of our enemies; with compassion to spare

the vanquished, and with a ready will to protect the oppressed; that approving themselves to Thee, the Almighty Ruler and Sovereign Disposer of all things, they may receive a full reward for their fidelity and obedience, and, at last, the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen. (source:8)

O MOST merciful Saviour, who dost not break the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax; look in compassion upon the countries where thy servants Paul and other apostles planted, where Apollos and other helpers watered, and where to thy gospel thou didst once give so abundant and glorious an increase.

In the ancient churches, which have not been overwhelmed by the overflowing scourge of war and persecution, preserve, revive, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die. Build again the fallen temples; place again the candlesticks that have been removed; kindle again the darkened and expiring lights, and restore purity of faith as at the first, and holiness of life as at the beginning, that thy afflicted and suffering people arising from the dust, may show forth thy glory, till Jews and Egyptians, Arabians and Persians, and all the children of the East shall hear of thy wonderful works, and be partakers of thy great salvation. Hear us, we entreat thee, O our Saviour; to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be blessing and honor, dominion and praise, for ever and ever. Amen. (source:10)

The God of peace himself sanctify me wholly, and may my spirit and soul and body be preserved entire without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (source:9)

A PRAYER AT THE DIET OF WORMS. Almighty, eternal God! what a strange thing is this world! How doth it open wide the mouths of the people! How small and poor is the confidence of men toward God! How is the flesh so tender and weak, and the Devil so mighty and so busy through his apostles and the wise of this world! How soon do they withdraw the hand and whirl away and run the common path and the broad way to hell, where the godless belong.

They look only upon that which is splendid and powerful, great and mighty, and which hath consideration. If I turn my eyes thither also it is all over with me; the bell is cast and judgment is pronounced. Ah God! Ah God! O Thou my God! Thou my God, stand Thou by me against the reason and wisdom of all the world. Do Thou so! Thou must do it. Thou alone. Behold, it is not my cause but Thine.

For my own person I have nothing to do here before these great lords of the world. Gladly would I, too, have good quiet days and be unperplexed. But Thine is the cause, my Lord; it is just and eternal. Stand Thou by me, Thou true, eternal God! I confide in no man. It is to no purpose and in vain. Everything halteth that is fleshy, or that savoreth of flesh. O God! O God! Hearest Thou not, my God? Art Thou dead? No! Thou canst not die. Thou only hidest Thyself.

Hast Thou chosen me for this end? I ask Thee. But I know for a surety that Thou hast chosen me. Ha! then may God direct it. For never did I think, in all my life, to be opposed to such great lords; neither have I intended it. Ha! God, then stand by me in the name of Jesus Christ, who shall be my shelter and my shield, yea! my firm tower, through the might and strengthening of thy Holy Spirit. Lord! where stayest Thou? Thou my God! where art Thou? Come, come! I am ready, even to lay down my life for this cause, patient as a little lamb. For just is the cause and Thine. So will I not separate myself from Thee forever. Be it determined in thy name.

The world shall not be able to face me against my conscience, though it were full of devils. And though my body, originally the work and creature of thy hands, go to destruction in this cause,—yea, though it be shattered in pieces — thy word and thy Spirit they are good to me still! It concerneth only the body. The soul is Thine, and belongeth to Thee, and shall also remain with Thee forever. Amen. God help me. Amen. (source:7)

IN THE SENATE, Monday, February 8, 1904. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

FATHER Almighty, Thou art our help in all calamity. In this great

calamity we come to Thee for Thy strength, for Thy light, for Thy direction. Here we are. We will do what Thou shalt tell us to do. Each one of us can do his share. All of us can show to the rest that we are brothers in one great family. Here we are; send us on Thy service.

And, Father, we pray to Thee for all who are in any sorrow of body or of mind; for those who are alone, that they may have Thy great companionship; for those who are far from home, that they may know that there is no distance to Thee; for those who watch by beds of sickness, that they may have Thy wisdom and light and courage and patience and endeavor.

Father, for us, and all of us, that we may bear each other's burdens and fulfill the whole law of Christ, that we may live each for all and all for each. We will not depend upon the rest to help us to-day, unless we do our share in lifting up that which has fallen down. (source:12)

LORD, REMEMBER ME O Thou, from Whom all goodness flows, I lift my soul to Thee; In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes, Good Lord, remember me. If on my aching, burdened heart, My sins lie heavily, Thy pardon grant, Thy peace impart; Good Lord, remember me. If trials sore obstruct my way, And ills I can not flee. Then let my strength be as my day ; Good Lord, remember me. If, worn with pain, disease, and grief, This feeble frame should be. Grant patience, rest, and kind relief; Good Lord, remember me. And oh ! when, in the hour of death, I bow to Thy decree, Jesu, receive my parting breath ; Good Lord, remember me.— Amen (source:14)

O Lord, give us grace, I pray thee, so to realize Thine almighty succor pledged to us, Thy protecting Presence surrounding us, Thine all-seeing eye fixed upon us, Thy Divine heart yearning over us, that we may cease to tremble at man's anger, or shrink from man's ridicule; but may with a good courage perform the work Thou givest us to do, and after we have suffered may enter into rest —Amen. (source:25)

For One Departed Almighty God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servant (N.), and we pray thee that, having opened to him the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive him more and more into thy joyful service; that he may win, with thee and thy servants everywhere, the eternal victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (source:9)

Meditation: "Every man's life is a plan of God." We are living on the confines of a new world. Amid the crash of falling kingdoms, the break-up of all we had hitherto deemed most stable, we need to remind ourselves that the great realities of the spiritual world stand fast, and that on these we can build another and a juster civilization than that which now appears to be doomed. But we must first of all rebuild it in our own souls by faith and prayer. It is as a help, however humble and inadequate, to this work of spiritual reconstruction that this book is now sent forth.

FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE ALMIGHTY GOD, Ruler of the nations, we entreat Thee in this hour of the world's anguish to have pity upon us and upon all men. Thy children faint for fear and for expectation of the things which are coming on the earth.

In Thee is our only hope. Move Thou upon the wills of men and constrain the peoples in the paths of unity and peace. Hast Thou not called us to share with Thee in the order and government of the world? Grant us wisdom, O Lord, that we may discern the causes of conflict, the things that make for international hate and jealousy.

We know that only as we yield ourselves as instruments of peace, can peace come to our stricken earth.

Quicken our consciences that we may feel the sin and shame of war. Inspire us with courage and faith that we may lift up our voices against private greed, social injustice, the aggression of the strong on the weak, and whatsoever else works enmity between man and man, class and class, nation and nation. Create within us a passion for the reign of righteousness, the spread of brotherhood and good-will among the nations, so that we may hasten the fulfilment of

Thine ancient word, "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Amen. (source:16)

I thank Thee, that in all the changes and chances of this mortal life, I can look up to Thee, and cheerfully resign my will to Thine. I have trusted Thee, O Father, with myself; my soul is in Thy hand, which I verily believe Thou wilt preserve from all evil; my body, and all that be longs to it, are of much less value. I do therefore, with as great security as satisfaction, trust all I have to Thee. I am persuaded that neither tribulation, nor anguish, nor persecution, nor famine, nor nakedness, nor peril, nor sword, nor death which I may fear, nor life which I may hope for, nor things present which I feel, nor things to come which I may apprehend, shall ever prevail so far over me, as to make me not to resign my will entirely to Thee—Amen. (source:25)

REMEMBER, 0 Lord, what is come upon us:—consider, and behold our reproach. Our inheritance is turned to strangers,—our houses to aliens. We are orphans and fatherless,—our mothers are as widows. We have drunken our water for money;—our wood is sold unto us. Our necks are under persecution:—we labour, and have no rest. We have given the hand to the Egyptians, and to the Assyrians,—to be satisfied with bread. Our fathers have sinned, and are not;—and we have borne their iniquities. Servants have ruled over us: there is none that doth deliver us out of their hand. We eat our bread with the peril of our lives,—because of the sword of the wilderness. (source:21)

Let us pray. O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. Amen

O Lord correct us, but with judgement; not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring us to nothing.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our fore-fathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most

precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord. (source:3)

We kneel how weak, we rise how full of power. Why therefore should we do ourselves this wrong, Or others — that we are not always strong, That we are ever overborne with care, That we should ever weak or heartless be, Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer, And joy and strength and courage are with Thee? When obstacles and trials seem Like prison walls to be, I do the little I can do, And leave the rest to Thee. (source:24)

The real corrupters of society may be, not the corrupt, but those who have held back the righteous leaven, the salt that has lost its savor, the innocent who have not even the moral courage to show what they think of the effrontery of impurity, — the serious, who yet timidly succumb before some loud-voiced scoffer, — the heart trembling all over with religious sensibilities that yet suffers itself through false shame to be beaten down into outward and practical acquiescence by some rude and worldly nature. (source:24)

FAST DAY.—MORNING.. [abridged] O pour out a spirit of serious repentance and reformation upon the whole nation; to heal the distempers of our souls, to curb the disorders of our lives, and to recover the decayed power of godliness in the land; and so prepare and dispose us not only for thy temporal mercies, but for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. Help us so to turn from the evil of our ways, that thou mayest turn from the fierceness of thy wrath, and cause thy anger towards us to cease. O that we may fear the rod, and who has appointed it! And so prepare to meet thee, our God, in the way of thy judgments, that the God of peace may think thoughts of peace to us, and not of evil; and to give us an unexpected end, and the desired issue, of all our fears and dangers.

Thou canst show us great and mighty things, which we know not, and exceed all our expectations, as- well as our deservings, by thy bountiful favours: and though thou mightest make us know the worth of slighted mercies, by their want, and deprive us of all the

good, which we have so little improved, and so greatly abused; yet O how many promises of thy word, and what frequent experience, which we have had of thy mercy, in time of our need, do encourage us still with hope to look unto thee, our God, and to wait for the salvation of the Lord! O how long, in all our provocations, hast thou spared us!

And how often, in our distresses, sent wonderful redemption to us! And to thee, who hast helped and delivered, in time past, do we look still for help and deliverance. O our God, be thou pleased to help and deliver us, for the glory of that mercy which first made us thy people, and still has owned us for thy peculiar care. O do not abhor us, forsake us for thy name's sake; but be jealous for thy land, and pity thy people. Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

Either in mercy turn away the evils from us; or prepare us for them, and support us under them, and bring us happily out of them; that we may not sink and perish in them, but find spiritual good, by temporal evils; and find the light momentary afflictions to work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; and all things concurring to promote our grace and our peace with God, through Jesus Christ. And though thou shouldst feed us with bread of adversity, and water of affliction, yet let not our teachers be removed; nor bring us under a famine of the word of the Lord; nor give us over to the formality of a lifeless profession; under all the means of grace, to send leanness into our soul. Though thou permit the floods and storms to arise and increase, yet fortify us so by thy grace, that we may not be moved by any of those afflictions, so as to turn the blessed advantage of suffering for thee into an occasion of falling from thee.

O help us, Lord, to rid our hands and our hearts of all the accursed things that provoke thy wrath and indignation against us. And let us wisely consider of thy doings, and know the time of our visitation, and hearken to the calls, and take the warnings, and improve the

means and mercies vouchsafed to us, while we have them; and follow the conduct of thy good providence, and comply with all thy gracious methods used, to reclaim us from our sins, and to reform our lives, and save our souls; that all may not be in vain to us, but at least effect the purpose of thy saving mercy upon us; to deliver us from the evils to come, and to set us safe into the hands of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour, Amen. (source:4)

IN THEE, O Lord God, I place my whole hope and refuge; on Thee I rest all my tribulation and anguish; for I find all to be weak and inconstant, whatsoever I behold out of Thee. For many friends cannot profit, nor strong helpers assist, nor the books of the learned afford comfort, nor any place, however retired and lovely, give shelter, unless Thou Thyself dost assist, strengthen, console, instruct and guard us. For all things that seem to belong to the attainment of peace and felicity, without Thee, are nothing, and do bring in truth no felicity at all. Thou therefore art the Fountain of all that is good, and to hope in Thee above all things, is the strongest comfort of Thy servants. To Thee, therefore, do I lift up mine eyes; in Thee, my God, the Father of mercies, do I put my trust—Amen. (source:20)

A Prayer in Great Distress and Danger O ALMIGHTY GOD And Father, ever ready to help, Thou seest and knowest that we live in great distress and danger, we knowing of neither counsel nor help and finding in us no power nor ability of escaping this great trouble. So our eyes are turned to Thee, our only comfort, refuge and helper, who hast said, "Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Our heart submits to Thy word of promise, and now seeks Thy face in childlike humility and confidence.

O Lord, hide not Thy gracious face from us, and cast not Thy children from Thee in wrath; do not Thou forsake us nor withdraw Thy hand from us, God, our salvation, who workest salvation to the ends of the earth. Therefore, let us experience Thy help and be Thou gracious unto us. In Thee, O Lord, our soul trusts and under the

shadow of Thy wings we find refuge until these dangers have passed by. Turn Thou again to us and satisfy us early with Thy mercy, then shall we offer the sacrifice of praise and bless Thy name, for it is good. Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Stand Thou by us in trouble, so shall we praise Thee and rejoice over Thy help all the days of our life. Amen. (source:15)

I COMMIT Myself this day and all the days of my life to Thee, God, the eternal Father, who hast created me; to Thee, God, the eternal Son, who hast redeemed me; to Thee, God the Holy Ghost, who hast sanctified me in my baptism. O eternal divinity, O true humanity, O Holy Trinity, render Thou me fit at all times to enter eternal bliss. Amen. (source:15)

O Benignant and merciful God and Father, by Thy grace I have again passed the night and have lived to see glad daylight once more. I thank Thee that Thou hast been my guard and keeper, my comforter and helper; that Thou hast, as a father, sustained my frail body and my downcast soul; that Thou hast preserved me from a sudden death, great temptations and other ills; and that Thou hast, by Thy holy angels, powerfully protected me against the devil, the prince of darkness. It is due to Thy mercy and grace that I still live. Do Thou also this day, I heartily pray Thee, turn Thy face unto me, and so guard and guide me that nothing sinful be in my thoughts, words, or actions. Lead me, Thy needy sheep, in the paths of Thy holy word, which is my only comfort in my distress. Preserve me, O Lord, for I trust in Thee; Thou art my only strength, my God, and my greatest treasure. Do Thou direct my mind and desire towards fearing and also loving Thee, dispelling all that does not emanate from Thee. Hide me in Thee, that in my cross and my distress I may submit my will to Thee and trust in Thee alone, since no man can counsel or save me. But Thou art the true physician of all sick, the true comfort for all in distress, the only salvation of the dying. Do Thou heal me, comfort me and save me, O heavenly Father! Especially do Thou this day preserve me from sin and all evil, from

the wiles of the devil, from the offenses of the world and the evil lusts of my own sinful flesh. Grant unto me patience, hope and perseverance. And when the time of my sojourning is at an end, give me an easy and blessed death through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, my Savior. Amen. (source:15)

A Prayer of Those Present for a Person in the Agonies of Death O ALMIGHTY And benignant God, who art our stay and staff in the shadow of death, we pray Thee to visit this sick person, his body and soul, with Thy mercy, and graciously to forgive all his sins. Take the sacrifice of the innocent death of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, as payment for his transgressions, since he was baptized in Christ's name and cleansed by His blood.

Therefore, deliver him, we pray Thee, from bodily pains or shorten them; sustain him against the accusations of conscience and all attacks of the wicked one, that he may fight a good fight and overcome.

Grant him a blessed departure for the life everlasting, send Thy holy angels that they escort him to the gathering of the elect in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen. (source:15)

For patience under Afflictions. O My heavenly Father! enable me in all my trials and afflictions to lie passive in thy hands; pardon thou my unbecoming fears, and strengthen the faith of thy wavering servant; compassionate my many and great frailties, and cheer my heart in the hour of despondency; let a well-grounded hope of thy love and mercy be imparted under every conflict, and a prospect of heaven be afforded amidst all the sorrows and darkness of these wilderness scenes.

Lord! I trust I am thine: save me, and sanctify me by every event and visitation which I am called to experience, while passing through a world of sorrow, sin, and death. And whether I live or die, may I be the Lord's. Amen.. (source:18)

For Patience under Afflictions.(2) Gracious God, my sufferings are

great, but not to be compared to those of my Saviour; yet I know that even the hours of my sufferings are limited by thy providence, and thou countest them to me. Thou appointest their beginning and end. Grant that I may acquiesce with my whole heart in what thou art pleased to inflict, who orderest every thing for the good of thy creatures.— Thou wilt not only limit the period of my sufferings, but wilt never suffer me to be tempted above what I am able to bear.— Preserve me, O Lord, from the sin of unbelief, from the darkness of spiritual blindness, and from the eternal night of the dark abyss. Sanctify to me every pain and every sorrow, that I may pass through the furnace of affliction, as gold purified in the fire; and when I have suffered all thou hast appointed unto me, may I come off more than a conqueror, through him that hath loved me and given himself for me. Amen. (source:18)

COMFORT UNDER AFFLICTION.

When gathering clouds around I view, And days are dark, and friends are few, On Him I lean, who not in vain Experienced every human pain. He sees my griefs, allays my fears, And counts and treasures up my tears. If aught should tempt my soul to stray From heavenly wisdom's narrow way; To fly the good I would pursue, Or do the thing I would not do; Still He, who felt temptation's power, Shall guard me in that dangerous hour. If wounded love my bosom swell, Despised by those I prized too well; He shall his pitying aid bestow, Who felt on earth severer woe At once betrayed, denied, or fled, By those who shared his daily bread. When vexing thoughts within me rise, And, sore dismayed, my spirit dies; Yet He who did vouchsafe to bear The sickening anguish of despair, Shall sweetly soothe, shall gently dry, The throbbing heart, the streaming eye. When mourning o'er some stone I bend, Which covers all that was a friend; And from his voice, his hand, his smile, Divides me for a little while; Thou, Saviour, mark'st the tears I shed, For thou didst weep o'er Lazarus dead. And O! when I have safely passed Through every conflict but the last; Still, still unchanging, watch beside My painful bed—for thou hast died; Then point to realms of cloudless

day. And wipe the latest tear away. (source:18)

O LORD, our God, keep us from all darkness except such as our own foolishness brings over us. Let us remember that there is no darkness with Thee. Let us have but one thing to be afraid of—the death of the spirit. Let there be but one thing that we shrink from—unlovingness towards Thee and our brother.

And when the storm is loud, and the night is dark, and the soul is sad, and the heart oppressed; then, as weary travelers, may we look to Thee; and beholding the light of Thy love, may it bear us on, until we learn to sing Thy song in the night. And when the last chill stream of death shall be crossed, grant that ours may be the Delectable Mountains, the company of faithful souls, the eternal years, the everlasting life. Of Thy great mercy hear our supplications, through Jesus Christ our Lord—Amen. (source:20)

And we beseech Thee that Thou wilt fulfill Thy kind designs and purposes toward all mankind, hastening the day when men shall have their reason so high that they may cast off prejudice and selfishness and all that is hateful and divisive, and may all on earth begin to find the drawings of love; and all men begin to help mankind.

May all the earth begin to bear witness that God is coming in His final power to give ripeness to the race; and may all things that are offensive and selfish, and proud, and hateful, and cruel, begin to sink in power, and all things that are refined in .wisdom, goodness, love, and purity, begin to gain front and strength.

O! hasten, Thou that from on high art the God of battles—not of clashing battles of steel and iron, but Thou that dost contend in the heavens, and upon the earth, and round about the universe, in that great and universal conflict between good and evil—make haste that the final glory be consummated, that the earth may rest as a ship long tempest-tossed and not comforted—rest when at length it finds its peaceful harbour. O bring this world at last to the bosom of Christ, and there may it find that anchorage and peace which it

has so long sought in vain in its course. And all the glory of this victory, and all the glory of our own salvation therein, we will give to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (source:13)

Be not afraid to pray—to pray is right. Pray if thou canst, with hope; but ever pray. Though hope be weak, or sick with long delay: Pray in the darkness, if there be no light. Far is the time, remote from human sight, When war and discord on the Earth shall cease. Yet every prayer for universal peace Avails the blessed time to expedite. Whate'er is good to wish, that ask of Heaven, Though it be that thou canst not hope to see; Pray to be perfect, though material leaven Forbid the spirit so on earth to be! But if for any wish thou darest not pray, Then pray to God to cast that wish away. (source:13)

While we poor wayfarers still toil, with hot and bleeding feet, along the highway and the dust of life, our companions have but mounted the divergent path, to explore the more sacred streams, and visit the diviner vales, and wander amid the everlasting Alps, of God's upper province of creation. And so we keep up the courage of our hearts, and refresh ourselves with the memories of love, and travel forward in the ways of duty, with less weary step, feeling ever for the hand of God, and listening for the domestic voices of the immortals whose happy welcome waits us.

Death, in short, under the Christian aspect, is but God's method of colonization; the transition from this mother-country of our race to the fairer and newer world of our emigration. (source:24)

For God's Help Grant us, O Lord, in all our duties thy help, in all our perplexities thy counsel, in all our dangers thy protection, and in all our sorrows thy peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen. (source:9)

Almighty God, we bless and praise Thee that we have wakened to the light of another earthly day; and now we will think of what a day should be. Our days are Thine, let them be spent for Thee. Our days are few, let them be spent with care. There are dark days behind us, forgive their sinfulness; there may be dark days before

us, strengthen us for their trials. We pray Thee to shine on this day—the day which we may call our own. Lord, we go to our daily work; help us to take pleasure therein. Show us clearly what our duty is; help us to be faithful in doing it. Let all we do be well done, fit for Thine eye to see. Give us strength to do, patience to bear; let our courage never fail. When we cannot love our work, let us think of it as Thy task; and, by our true love to Thee, make unlovely things shine in the light of Thy great love—Amen. (source:25)

Sources and Appendix

SOURCES

(1)Anonymous, The poor man's cry: a collection of prayers recorded in the holy Scriptures, 1870. Not in copyright. Free download Google Books https://books.google.com/books?id=2OFUAAAAcAAJ&pg=PA108&dq=%22T
ytyAIVgUA-Ch2uZASq#v=onepage&q=%22The%20poor%20man's%20cry%3A%20a%

(2)Anonymous, Prayers for the use of the faithful in troublous times, 1851. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/prayers

(3)Anonymous, Prayers, deprecating the just anger of almighty God, and the visitation of his awful scourge the cholera, etc., 1846. https://books.google.com/books?id=90EEAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA1&dq=Prayers,+depre

(4)Albert Barnes Prayers for the Use of Families: Chiefly Selected from Various Authors ; with a Preliminary Essay, 1833. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/prayersforusefa02barngo

(5)Robert Merrill Bartlett With One Voice Prayers From Around The World, 1961. Copyright holder Robert Merrill Bartlett. Free download archive.org; part of Million Books Project. https://archive.org/details/withonevoicepray012725mbp

(6) Boethius, The Consolation of Philosophy, Translated into English Prose and Verse by H.R. JAMES, M.A., not in copyright, 1897. https://archive.org/details/theconsolationof00boetuoft

(7)Hezekiah Butterworth, The Story of the Notable Prayers of Christian History, 1880. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/storynotablepra00buttgoog

(8)Female Bible, Prayer-book & Tract Society, Prayers and other devotions for the use of the soldiers of the army of the Confederate States, 1861. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/prayersotherdev00fema

(9)Episcopal Church Army and Navy Commission, A prayer book for soldiers and sailors, 1941. New York : Pub. for the Army and Navy Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church by the Church Pension Fund, http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/50469

(10)Samuel Fuller, The Golden Censer: A Collection of Anthems, Collects, Prayers and Thanksgivings, 1867. Not in copyright. Free download books.google.com. https://books.google.com/books?id=TB_-eRcFjTe4C&printsec=frontcover&dq=The+Golden+Censer:+A+Collection+of+Anthe
K#v=onepage&q=The%20Golden%20Censer%3A%20A%20Collection%20of%20Anthe

(11)John Habermann, Morning and Evening Prayers for All Days of the Week / Together With Confessional, Communion, and Other Prayers / and Hymns for Mornings and Evenings, and Other Occasions, 1918. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/MorningAndEveni

(12)Edward Everett Hale, Prayers in the Senate. Prayers offered in the Senate of the United States in the winter session of 1904. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/prayersinsenate00se

(13)Edwin Hodder, A Book of Uncommon Prayers, Literary, Biographical, Historical, 1898. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/bookofuncommonpr00hoddiala

(14)Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, The Little Treasure of Prayers / Being a Translation of the Epitome from the German Larger / 'Treasure of prayers' ['Gebets-Schatz']. 1877. Not in copyright. Free download gutenberg.org, archive.org https://archive.org/details/thelittletreasur35737

(15)Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, The abridged treasury of prayers : an epitome from the larger Gebets-Schatz, 1906. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/abridgedtreasury00

(16)Samuel McComb, Prayers for today, with a series of meditations from modern writers, 1918. Not in copyright Free download books.google.com, archive.org https://archive.org/details/prayersfortodayw00mcco

(17)Edward Charles M'Guire, The religious opinions and character of Washington, 1836. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/religiousopinio01guigoog

(18)Hannah More, Daniel Appleton, Devotional exercises, 1832. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org, google books https://books.google.com/bool https://archive.org/details/bookprivatedevo03moregoog

(19)John Paton, Church of Scotland, Prayers for sailors and fisherfolk, 1903. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/pra

(21)Edward Leigh Pell, Prayers We Love To Pray. 1909. Not in copyright. Free download books.google.com https://books.google.com/books?id=bwFEAA JAhWDYiYKHTyKAxkQ6AEIOTAD#v=onepage&q=prayers%20Edward%20Leigh%

(21)C. T. Quintard, Balm for the weary and the wounded, 1864. . Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/stream/06007935.4227.em 4227#page/n85/mode/2up

(22)C. T. Quintard, The Confederate soldiers' pocket manual of devotions, 1863. . Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/07794796.3866.emory.edu

(23)Robert Louis Stevenson, Vailima Prayers and Sabbath Morn, 1890. Not in copyright. Free download gutenberg.org, archive.org https://archive.org/details/prayerswrittenat00stevrich

(24)Mary Wilder Tileston, Daily Strength for Daily Needs, 1891. Not in copyright. Free download books.google.com, archive.org https://archive.org/details/dailystrengthf00tile

(25)Mary Wilder Tileston, Prayers Ancient and Modern, 1897. Not in copyright. Free download books.google.com, archive.org https://archive.org/detail

(26)Nicholas Tillinghast, Prayers for the Use of Schools, 1852. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/details/prayersforusesc00ti

(27)William Bouverie Trevelyan, War prayers for a week on liturgical lines,1916. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org https://archive.org/stream

(28)Unknown, Prayers suitable for the times in which we live, 1861. Not in copyright. Free download archive.org: https://archive.org/details/prayerssuitablef01char

(29)Unknown, The Prayers of the Bible, with their Answers, 1855. https://archive.org/details/prayersofbiblewi00newy

Isaiah 51 King James Version (KJV) 51 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. 2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. 3 For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. 4 Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people. 5 My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished. 7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. 8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation. 9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? 10 Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? 11 Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. 12 I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; 13 And forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually

every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor? 14 The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail. 15 But I am the Lord thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The Lord of hosts is his name. 16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people. 17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out. 18 There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up. 19 These two things are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee? 20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of thy God. 21 Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: 22 Thus saith thy Lord the Lord, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: 23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

PSALMS - HELP FROM ENEMIES - King James Version (KJV)

Psalm 6:9-10 9 The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. 10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

Psalm 9:2-4
2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. 3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall

fall and perish at thy presence. 4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.

Psalm 17
5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. 6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech. 7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them. 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, 9 From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about. 10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly. 11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth; 12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places. 13 Arise, O Lord, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword: 14 From men which are thy hand, O Lord, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes. 15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Psalm 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psalm 25:2 O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Psalm 25:18-20
18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. 19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. 20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Psalm 27
27 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up

my flesh, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. 4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. 6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord. 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. 8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face,Lord, will I seek. 9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. 10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. 11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. 12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. 13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. 14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

Psalm 31:14-16

14 But I trusted in thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my God. 15 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. 16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake.

Psalm 37:19-21

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. 20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away. 21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

Psalm 41

41 Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. 2 The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. 3 The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. 4 I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee. 5 Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish? 6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it. 7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt. 8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more. 9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me. 10 But thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them. 11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me. 12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever. 13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

Psalm 44:6-8

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. 7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us. 8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

Psalm 56

56 Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me. 2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High. 3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. 4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. 5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil. 6 They gather themselves together, they hide

themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul. 7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God. 8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book? 9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. 10 In God will I praise his word: in the Lord will I praise his word. 11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. 12 Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee. 13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Psalm 60:11-12
11 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. 12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 68:1-3
68 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. 3 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. 12 For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. 13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters. 14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness. 15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers. 16 The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun. 17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter. 18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O Lord, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name. 19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever. 20 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty. 21 O let not

the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name. 22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily. 23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually. Psalm 74 Psalm 78:52-54
52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. 53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies. 54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.

Psalm 92:8-10
8 But thou, Lord, art most high for evermore. 9 For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. 10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

Psalm 97
97 The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. 3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. 4 His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. 7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods. 8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord. 9 For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. 10 Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. 11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. 12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 108:12-13
12 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. 13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 138:6-8
6 Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off. 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me. 8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.